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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN HONDURAS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: CHIEF OF HONDURAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE
SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT INCREASE IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC TO
AND THROUGH HONDURAS. HE DESIRES INCREASE COORDINATION
WITH DEA AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AND REQUESTS
U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DISCUSSED LOCAL
NARCOTICS SITUATION WITH MAJOR ENRIQUE TAYLOR CALDERINI,
CHIEF OF DIRECTION DE INVESTIGACION NACIONAL (DIN) THE
HONDURAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL
POLICE (FUSEP). TAYLOR FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED CONCERN
THAT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS INCREASING IN HONDURAS.
HE BELIEVES THAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF COCAINE AND MARI-
JUANA ARE PASSING THROUGH HONDURAS FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO
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THE UNITED STATES RESULTING ALSO IN GREATER USE OF THESE

DRUGS LOCALLY. HE SAID LOCAL MARIJUANA USERS ARE TURNING TO OUTSIDE SOURCES COMPLAINING HOME-GROWN GRASS NOT SUFFICIENTLY STRONG. POLICE HAVE ALSO RECENTLY UNCOVERED FIRST KNOWN LOCAL USE OF HASHISH.

2. TAYLOR BLAMES COLUMBIANS AND CHILEANS LINKED WITH "MAFIA" FOR INCREASED TRAFFICKING, BUT ALSO BELIEVES SOME U.S. CITIZENS MAY BE INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN BAY ISLANDS AREA.

3. TAYLOR INDICATED STRONG DESIRE TO INCREASE COORDINATION WITH DEA POINTING OUT THAT HIS AGENCY'S RESOURCES IN BOTH MANPOWER AND MONEY ARE VERY LIMITED. HE PARTICULARLY WOULD LIKE DEA ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING HIS PERSONNEL. HE WAS RESPONSIVE TO EMBOFF'S COMMENTS ON POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE AND RECOGNIZED DESIRABILITY OF CLOSER COORDINATION WITH OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICE AGENCIES, HOWEVER, HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD PREFER AN IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF AGENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR LEARNING "EMPIRICAL" SKILLS SUCH AS STREET LEVEL IDENTIFICATION OF ILLICIT SUBSTANCES RATHER THAN MORE SOPHISTICATED TRAINING. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PREVIOUS HONDURAN PARTICIPANTS IN U.S. TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONSTRUCTING LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAMS TO PASS ON WHAT THEY LEARNED. TAYLOR ALSO EXPRESSED NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING A CRIMINAL LABORATORY CAPABLE OF ANALYSING AND IDENTIFYING ILLICIT DRUGS.

4. COMMENT: TAYLOR'S CONCERN QUITE GENUINE ALTHOUGH WHETHER IT REFLECTS INCREASE IN TRAFFICKING OR INCREASED POLICE AWARENESS OF TRAFFICKING DEBATABLE. EMBASSY CONCURS IN NEED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING LOCAL NARCOTICS AGENTS AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS IDEA OF REGIONAL COURSE AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT IS PERENNIAL REQUEST WHICH EMBASSY DOES NOT SUPPORT IN VIEW ACCESSIBILITY TO ADEQUATE LABORATORY FACILITIES THROUGH OTHER GOH AGENCIES. EMBASSY HOPES DEA CAN INCREASE THEIR COOPERATION WITH DIN, PLACING GREATER EMPHASIS AT PRESENT ON TRAINING AND INSTITUTION BUILDING THAN ON OPERATIONS.

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